



Statewide Housing Needs Assessment Public Forums: Overview, Topics, and Schedule

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This document is intended to provide an overview of the Statewide Housing Needs Assessment Public Forums and ensure the public knows how to participate in these forums.

All documents and resources related to the Needs Assessment commissioned by DCA are posted to the DCA website ([click here](#)), including:

- Virtual and telephone access information for the Public Forums
- A survey for submitting questions to be addressed through the Needs Assessment Q&A postings

Public Forums Overview

Goals of the Needs Assessment

DCA commissioned the Needs Assessment in 2021 and the final report is expected to be completed in 2022. The primary goals underlying the Needs Assessment are to:

1. Identify unmet housing needs across Georgia
2. Understand barriers to meeting unmet housing needs

The consultants selected to implement the Needs Assessment are developing the final report by investigating the above two goals by type of housing need in different contexts (e.g., investigating unmet homeownership needs and barriers within the context of rural areas).

Purpose of the Needs Assessment Public Forums

The Needs Assessment involves both quantitative and qualitative information gathering. The largest component of the qualitative investigations is a series of forums open to any member of the public.

These forums will be held during the week of February 7th to 11th, 2022.

(see next page for forum topics and schedule)

Public Forums: Topics and Schedule

Topic	Date and Time	Discussion Focus ¹
Supportive Housing: Development	Mon 2/7/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to supplying sufficient units to meet the demand for supportive housing
Supportive Housing: Providing Services	Mon 2/7/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to providing supportive services at existing housing units
Homelessness	Tue 2/8/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to housing the homeless and supporting those at risk of homelessness
Homeownership	Tue 2/8/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to meeting homeownership demand, expanding homeownership opportunities, and ensuring stability of housing quality and affordability for existing homeowners
Rural Housing	Wed 2/9/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to meeting a variety of housing needs given distinct constraints faced by rural communities
Rental Housing: Development	Wed 2/9/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers to meeting the supply and demand gap for rental housing Barriers to preserving existing rental housing affordability and quality
Rental Housing: Ensuring Access and Stability	Thu 2/10/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers households face in accessing existing rental housing supply (e.g., barriers within lease requirements) Barriers to ensuring existing residents can remain in stable, quality housing (e.g., eviction)
Existing Housing: Investment and Redevelopment	Thu 2/10/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers communities face in achieving housing investment and redevelopment goals, including but not limited to rehabilitation, addressing dilapidated structures, or code enforcement
Cross-Sector Housing Planning	Fri 2/11/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers communities face in meeting and aligning housing goals with related sectors (including but not limited to business development, broadband, and transportation)
Public Housing Authorities and other Voucher Providers	Fri 2/11/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers faced by public housing authorities and other voucher funders in meeting demand or deploying funding

¹ The “Discussion focus” descriptions are only intended to clarify session purpose and distinguish between forums. The descriptions are not intended to limit the scope of discussions. Overlap in topic and participants between forums is expected.